

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus for executing content transmission, comprising:

a storage unit which stores content and property information ~~as content attribute information associated with the content~~;

a data transmitting/receiving unit which executes data transmission and reception with a client as a content[[-]] information requesting device; and

a content[[-]] information generating unit which generates content information, ~~the content information comprising content and editable in which data editing information allowable for each piece of the property information associated with the content is defined for each property~~, and which transmits the content information ~~to the client~~; and

a content extracting unit which, in response to a content request from the client, ~~executes acquiring acquires~~ requested content from the storage unit,

wherein[[-]] the property information includes index information as ~~identifying a partial[[-]] content[[-]] region of the content, identification information~~; and

the content extracting unit is configured to:

determine whether the content request from the client contains a partial playback identifier indicating that playback of only a desired portion of the content is requested;

when it is determined that the content request contains the partial playback identifier;

execute acquiring extract, of the content, only the partial content data-specified region of the content identified by the index information from the storage unit; on the condition that the content request from the client includes partial playback specification; and

to execute transmitting transmit, of the content, only the extracted partial content data region to the client;

when it is determined that the content request does not contain a partial playback identifier;

extract the content in its entirety from the storage unit based on the index information; and

transmit the content in its entirety to the client.

20. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim [[1]] 19, wherein:

the index information includes:

index[[-]] start[[-]] position information representing identifying, as start[[-]] position information of the partial content data region, information of identifying a time or a data amount from the start of the content; and

index[[-]] region information identifying, as region information of the partial content data region, representing a time or data amount from the index[[-]] start position; and

the content extracting unit is configured to execute acquiring extract the partial content data specified region identified by the index[[-]] start[[-]] position information and the index[[-]] region information.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim [[1]] 19, wherein the data editing editable property information includes information which sets permission of at least one of rewriting, addition, and deletion of elements of the property information.

23. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus for performing acquiring content, comprising:

a data transmitting/receiving unit which executes data transmission and reception with a server retaining storing the content;

a content requesting unit which generates, as content request data and sends to the server[[,]] content request data including partial content playback information;

a content playback control unit which executes controlling controls playback of partial content received from the server through the data transmitting/receiving unit;

a content[[-]] information analyzing unit which executes-analyzing analyzes property information corresponding to the content received from the server, and generating display information which generates a graphical user interface, the property information including index information identifying a partial content region of the received content to be played back; and

a display unit which displays the graphical user interface display information generated by the content-information-analyzing unit, the graphical user interface comprising a graphical representation of a playlist for the received content and of the property information corresponding to the received content,

wherein the content information analyzing unit is configured to execute generating display information in which the data graphical user interface is configured to receive user input for editing the index information to modify the identification of the partial content region of the received content to be played back, and is recognizable for each piece of property information as a component of the content information received from

the server content playback control unit is configured to playback the content based on the edited index information such that only the modified identified portion of the partial content region is played back.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) An information processing method for executing content transmission, comprising:

~~a-step-of receiving a content request from a client;~~

~~a-step-of determining whether or not partial playback specification is included in the content request~~ contains a partial playback identifier indicating that playback of only a desired portion of the content is requested from the client;

when it is determined that the content request contains a-step-of executing, on-the-condition that the partial playback identifier:

~~specification is included in the content request from the client, acquiring index information as partial-content-region identification information from the property information as associated with the content, the index information identifying a partial content region of the content to be played back attribute information;~~

~~a-step-of executing acquiring partial extracting, of the content, only the partial content data specified region identified by the index information; and~~

~~a-step-of transmitting, of the content, only the extracted partial extracted partial content region data to the client; and~~

when it is determined that the content request does not contain the partial playback identifier:

extracting the content in its entirety based on the index information; and

transmitting the extracted content in its entirety to the client;

~~a-step-of generating content information in which data editing information allowable for each piece of the editable property information associated with the content; is defined for each property, and~~

transmitting the content property information to the client.

26. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus method according to Claim [[9]] 25, wherein:

the index information includes:

index[[-]] start[[-]] position information representing identifying, as start[[-]] position information of the partial content region data, information of identifying a time or a data amount from the start of the content; and

index[[-]] region information identifying, as region information of the partial content region data, representing a time or data amount from the index[[-]] start position; and

the content extracting step executes acquiring partial a portion of the content data specified by the index[[-]] start[[-]] position information and the index[[-]] region information.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) The information processing method according to Claim [[9]] 26, wherein the data editing information property information further includes information which sets permission of at least one of rewriting, addition, and deletion of elements of the property information.

29. (Currently Amended) An information processing method for performing acquiring content, comprising:

a-content requesting step of generating, content request data, the content request data including a partial[-] playback identifier indicating that playback of only a portion of the content is requested; playback request information, and

transmitting the content request data to a server;

receiving, from the server, the content and property information associated with the received content, the property information including index information identifying the portion of the content to be played back;

a-content playback control step of executing controlling playback of partial the portion of the content received from the server based on the index information;

a-content information analyzing step of executing analyzing the property information corresponding to generate a graphical user interface comprising a graphical representation of a playlist for the content and of the property content received from the server and generating display information; and

a-display step of displaying the graphical user interface to a user display-information generated in the content information analyzing step,

wherein the content information analyzing step executes generating display graphical user interface is configured to receive input from the user for information in which data editing the index information to modify the identification of the portion of the content to be played back, and

is recognizable for each piece of property information as a component of content information received from the playback is controlled based on the edited index

information such that only the modified identified portion of the content is played back server.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer program for causing a server to perform method of executing content transmission, the method comprising:

a step of receiving a content request from a client;

a step of determining whether or not partial playback specification is included in the content request contains a partial playback identifier indicating that playback of only a desired portion of the content is requested from the client;

when it is determined that the content request contains a step of executing, on the condition that the partial playback identifier:

specification is included in the content request from the client, acquiring index information as partial content region identification information from the property information as associated with the content, the index information identifying a partial content region of the content to be played back attribute information;

a step of executing acquiring partial extracting, of the content, only the partial content data specified region identified by the index information;

a step of transmitting, of the content, only the extracted partial extracted partial content region data to the client; and

when it is determined that the content request does not contain the partial playback identifier:

extract the content in its entirety based on the index information; and

transmit the extracted content in its entirety to the client;

a step of generating content information in which data editing information is allowable for each piece of the editable property information associated with the content; is defined for each property; and

transmitting the content property information to the client.

32. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer program for causing a client to perform a method for performing acquiring content, the method comprising:

a content requesting step of generating, content request data, the content request data including a partial[[-]] playback identifier indicating that playback of only a portion of the content is requested; playback-request information; and

transmitting the content request data to a server;

receiving, from the server, the content and property information associated with the received content, the property information including index information identifying the portion of the content to be played back;

a content playback control step of executing controlling playback of partial the portion of the content received from the server based on the index information;

a content information analyzing step of executing analyzing the property information corresponding to generate a graphical user interface comprising a graphical

representation of a playlist for the content and of the property content received from the server and generating display information; and

a display step of displaying the graphical user interface to a user display information generated in the content information analyzing step,

wherein the content information analyzing step executes generating display graphical user interface is configured to receive input from the user for information in which data editing the index information to modify the identification of the portion of the content to be played back, and

is recognizable for each piece of property information as a component of content information received from the playback is controlled based on the edited index information such that only the modified identified portion of the content is played back server.